

REPORTS

Second International Summer School GEOREGNET, Olomouc 2010

The Department of Geography at Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc organized, within the CEEPUS programme (Central European Programme for University Students), the 2nd International GEOREGNET summer school entitled *Changes in Geographical Organisation of Society in Central Eastern Europe: Two Decades After*, which took place from 30th August to 10th September 2010. The purpose of the summer school was to continue in the tradition of cooperation among universities in the GEOREGNET network and to contribute through pedagogical work to a better understanding of geographical processes in Central and Eastern European countries. Twenty seven students from nine countries (Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia) took part at the summer school and contributed to very enriching working atmosphere in the classroom and also in the field.

The topic of the Summer School was focused on the analysis of changes in geographical organization in post-communist countries in Central Europe and Western Balkans over the last twenty years. The participating geographers discussed the different aspects of transition from socialism to the open society. The contributions were focused on the understanding of the socio-economic situation.

Twelve colleagues mostly from GEOREGNET network kindly accepted our invitation and came to Olomouc. It was our honor to have them all here. In chronological order were present at the summer school:

- prof. dr. Peter Jordan (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria)
- doc. dr. Lučka Lorber (University of Maribor, Slovenia)
- prof. dr. Anton Gosar (Primorska University, Koper, Slovenia)

- prof. dr. René Matlovič (Prešov University, Slovakia)
- dr. Kveta Matlovičová (Prešov University, Slovakia)
- prof. dr. Zoran Stiperski (University of Zagreb, Croatia)
- doc. dr. Uroš Horvat (University of Maribor, Slovenia)
- prof. dr. Vladimír Ira (Geographical Institute, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia, Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic)
- dr. Josef Novotný (Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)
- dr. Pavel Ptáček (Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic)
- dr. Craig Young (Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom)
- doc. dr. Zoltán Gál (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary)

The authors of the lectures, seminars and workshops stressed the spatial and functional changes which emerged during the transition processes in the post-socialist countries, the importance of assurance of competitive economy of individual regions and municipalities. A special emphasis was put on the analysis of the success and to the social and cultural aspects of the last twenty years of the transition process.

The selected participating professors kindly accepted our invitation to prepare review contributions on the topics presented in their lectures.

On behalf of the international Programme Committee, I would like to thank to the Department of Geography and to the Faculty of Science at Palacký University for their help and assistance in the organization of the International GEOREGNET Summer School.

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